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In re Application of:

Gary K. Michelson, M.D.

Serial No.: 10/809,242

Filed: March 25, 2004

For: INSTRUMENTATION FOR USE WITH
DYNAMIC SINGLE-LOCK ANTERIOR
CERVICAL PLATE SYSTEM HAVING
NON-DETACHABLY FASTENED AND
MOVEABLE SEGMENTS

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Sir:

TERMINAL DISCLAIMER

Petitioner ("Assignee") Warsaw Orthopedic, Inc., duly organized under the laws of the State of Indiana, and having its principal place of business at 2500 Silveus Crossing, Warsaw, Indiana 46581, represents that it is the only assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the above-identified application Serial No. 10/809,242, filed March 25, 2004 for INSTRUMENTATION FOR USE WITH DYNAMIC SINGLE-LOCK ANTERIOR CERVICAL PLATE SYSTEM HAVING NON-DETACHABLY FASTENED AND MOVEABLE SEGMENTS in the name of Gary K. Michelson, as indicated by the assignment duly recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 018480, Frame 0277, and is the only assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to application Serial No. 10/160,059, filed June 4, 2002 (now U.S. Patent No. 7,118,573) for DYNAMIC ANTERIOR CERVICAL PLATE SYSTEM HAVING MOVEABLE SEGMENTS, INSTRUMENTATION, AND METHOD FOR INSTALLATION THEREOF in the name of Gary K. Michelson, as indicated by the assignment duly recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 018471, Frame 0824. Assignee Warsaw Orthopedic, Inc. further represents through its representative that to the best of assignee's knowledge and belief, title to the above-identified application and the United States Patent No. 7,118,573 are in assignee, which is submitting this Terminal Disclaimer.

To obviate a double patenting rejection, Warsaw Orthopedic, Inc. hereby disclaims, under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.321, the terminal part of any patent granted on the

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above-identified application, Serial No. 10/809,242, which would extend beyond the expiration date of Patent No. 7,118,573 and hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the above-identified application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that the legal title to said patent shall be the same as the legal title to United States Patent No. 7,118,573, this agreement to run with any patent granted on the above-identified application and to be binding upon the grantee, its successors or assigns.

In making the above disclaimer, Petitioner does not disclaim the terminal part of any patent granted on the above-identified application that would extend to the expiration date of the full statutory term as defined in 35 U.S.C. §§ 154 to 156 and 173 of Patent No. 7,118,573, as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, in the event that Patent No. 7,118,573: expires for failure to pay a maintenance fee, is held unenforceable, is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, is statutorily disclaimed in whole or in part, is terminally disclaimed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321, has all claims canceled by a reexamination certificate, is reissued, or is in any manner terminated prior to the expiration of its full statutory term, as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer.

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The undersigned is authorized to act on behalf of assignee Warsaw Orthopedic, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

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